

REMARKS

At the time the Office Action was mailed, claims 1, 3-10 and 16-38 were pending. The Examiner allowed claims 16-38. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 16-38. The Examiner objected to the submission of claim 16 in the prior response dated January 6, 2005. As noted by the Examiner, the text of the claim was inadvertently truncated such that the claim did not appear in its entirety in the claims listing. Applicants apologize for this error. Applicants have included the entire claim as filed in the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the present application.


The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3-10 for nonstatutory double patenting, in view of the parent application, now U.S. Patent No. 6,640,282. Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer which should obviate the nonstatutory double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection and allowance of claims 1 and 3-10 as well.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1, 3-10 and 16-38. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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